

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated July 12, 2005, claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 12-19, 21-24, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 6,650,641 (Albert); and claims 7, 8, 25, and 27 were rejected under § 103 over Albert in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,822,957 (Schuster).

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not disclosed by Albert. Albert does not disclose partially creating address and port translation information in response to a first request corresponding to a first SIP message to set up a communications session between a first device and a second device, and completing the address and port translation information in response to a second request corresponding to a SIP acknowledgment message responsive to the first SIP message.

In the rejections of claims 25 and 27, the Office Action cited Schuster as teaching "a SIP aware router with NAT functionality, whereby the SIP aware router performs call signaling to establish a call session." 07/12/2005 Office Action at 4. Although Schuster describes the use of distributive network address translation in a network telephony system that uses SIP call signaling, there is no suggestion in Schuster of performing the partial creation of address and port translation information in response to a first request corresponding to a first SIP message, and completing the address and port translation information in response to a second request corresponding to a SIP acknowledgment message responsive to the first SIP message.

Therefore, claim 1 is allowable over Albert and Schuster, since the asserted combination of Albert and Schuster does not teach or suggest the claimed subject matter. Independent claim 16 is similarly allowable over the cited references.

Amended independent claim 12 is allowable over the cited references because none of the references disclose or suggest partially creating address translation information in response to a first SIP message to set up a communications session between a first device and a second device, and completing the address translation information in response to a SIP acknowledgment message responsive to the first SIP message.

Dependent claims, including newly added claim 30, are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

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Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (NRT.0097US).

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